ARTICLES,
TO BE ENQVIred of within the Dioces of London, in the first generall Visitation of the Reuerend Father in GOD, THOMAS Lord Bishop of London.

Holden in the yeere of our Lord God, 1607. *In the fifth yeere of the Raigne of our* most gracious Soueraigne Lord IAMES, by the grace of God King of great Britaine, France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

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THE TENOVR OF THE Oath to be miniſtred to the Churchwardens and Sworne-men.

OV ſhal ſweare that all affection, *fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure or malice ſet aſide: you ſhall vpon due conſideration of the Articles giuen you in charge, preſent all and euerie ſuch perſon, within your pariſh, as hath committed any offence or fault, or made any default mentioned in theſe or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected and defamed of any ſuch offence, fault or default, within the compaſſe of three yeres laſt paſt: wherein you ſhall deale vprightly and according to trueth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to trueth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth: hauing in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine the truth, and to ſuppreſſe vice. So helpe you God, and the contents of this Booke.*

The charge of the Church-wardens and Swornemen, set downe for the better performance *of their duties, and discharge of their Oathes.*

THEY *are straightly charged to take the Booke* of Canons or Constitutions set forth by his Maiesty in the Conuocation holden in the yeere of our Lord, 1604. which is or ought to be in the Church, and to cause the same to bee read ouer vnto them at the time when al these Articles are likewise to bee reade vnto them, and to consider the Canons and the Articles together with their Minister. And for that they are not to bring in any billes vnto the Archdeacons courts vpon the Articles to be enquired of in their Visitation by reason of my Lords Visitation, but onely now to make their presentments vpon these Articles, which to doe at the time of their taking their Oath, the time being so short as that they shall not be able to make a perfect answere vnto all of them. And yet notwithstanding, there are many notorious faults worthie at this Visitation of presentment & reformation. They are therefore charged that after their Oath taken, and their returne home, they doe require their Minister to read ouer both the said Canons and these Articles vnto them, and that afterwards they themselues considering of euery particular Article, and of the offences by them to be presented, and also of such persons in their Parish as shall be noted to offend in the same, and so the Church-wardens and Sidemen assembling themselues within some conuenient time together, are to make their bill, answering euery Article by it selfe, before such time as is heere following appointed them, which bill shall be signed with the hands of all the Church-wardens and Sidemen, with conference had with their Minister vpon the said bill of presentment, who according vnto the 26. Canon, is for to see that the said Church-wardens doe their dueties in presenting, vpon the penalty in the said 26. Canon prescribed. These billes for the better ease of the Churchwardens, and for sauing of the trauell and charges shall be brought by one of the Church-wardens vpon the day of next, vnto the Church of that heereby they may be by the sauing of their charges encouraged to be more carefull in their duety.

Articles

Articles to be enquired of within the Dioces of London in the Visitation to be holden in the yeare of our Lord God. 1607.

Article. concerning the Clergie.

Whether hath your Minister read the constitutions set forth by his Maiestie once euery yeare vpon some Sundaies or Holidaies in the afternoone before diuine seruice: according as by the canons he is bound?

2 Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie King *Iames*, and for the Queenes Maiestie, the Prince and all their Royall progeny, giuing vnto them such stile and title of supreme gouernour in al causes and ouer all persons, aswell Ecclesiastical as Temporal, as by law are due vnto him, exhorting their parishioners to yeeld him obedience according to the same, and also in their sayd sermons doe pray for all Archbishops, Bishops, & other Ecclesiastical persons according to the 55 canon?

3 Whether is the prescript forme of Diuine seruice vsed by your minister vpon Sundaies, Holydaies, Wensdaies and Frydaies according to the booke of common prayer? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the orders, rites and ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of common prayer aswell in reading publique praiers, the Latany, as also in administring the Sacraments in such maner and forme, wearing the Surples as by the booke of common praier by law now established is inioyned?

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy communion so often, and at such times as that euery parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeare, whereof one at Easter, as by the booke of common prayer is appointed? And whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery day that he administreth it to others kneeling at the same, and administreth it to none but such as doe kneele at the receiuing therof, and vse the words of the institution according to the booke at euery time that the bread or wine is receiued in such manner and forme as by the Prouiso of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherin is he faultie, and whether is warning giuen by him before hand for the communion as the 22. canon requireth.

5 Whether hath your Minister admitted any notorious offenders,

or Schismatiques to the communion: contrary to the 26. and 27. constitutions, without satisfaction by due course of law before enioyned them, or reiected any from the communion who were not by publique presentment or other open scandal infamous & detected of some notorious crime by common fame published in the parish?

6 Whether the minister together with the Churchwardens & Questmen, doe take diligent heed and care: not onely that all and euery of your owne parishioners, do receiue thrice in euery yeare, as aforesaid: but also that no strangers of any other parish doe forsake their owne Minister and parish to receiue with you contrary to the 28. canon?

7 Whether hath your Minister, Churchwardens, and Sidemen presented vnto my Lord Bishop or his Chancello; within foure dayes after Easter the names of all the parishioners aswell men as women which being aboue fifténe yeares of age, receiued not the communion, at, or about Easter before, according to the 112. canon?

8 Whether doth your minister vse to signe the children with the signe of the crosse, when they are baptized according to the booke of common prayer, and the thirtieth canon? and whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptise any Infant in his parish being in danger, hauing béene duly informed of the weakenesse therof? and whether the childe hath died in his default without baptisme, contrary to the 68. and 69. canons?

9 Whether is your minister continually resident with you vpon his benefice? or for how long time hath he bene absent? and where is hee resiant for the most part? and what other benefice hath he?

10 Whether doth your minister being a preacher preach vsually according to the constitutions, either in his owne cure with you once euery Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell neare adioyning, where no preacher is, according to the 45. Canon? or howe hath he bene negligent in that behalfe?

11 Whether is your minister a preacher allowed? If yea, then by whom? if no, whether doth he procure sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licenced according to the 45. canon? or doth contribute towardes a licenced preacher, if his liuing will beare it?

12 Whether hath your minister another benefice? and whether doth hee supply his absence by a Curate, that is, sufficiently licenced to preach in that cure of his, whereon he himselfe is not resident? or otherwise in case hee doth not find a preaching minister there, by reason

ſon of the ſmalnes thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices dwelly himſelfe, according to the 47. canon?

13 Whether is your Curate licenced to ſerue by the Biſhop of this Dioces, or by any other, and by whom? Whether doth your Miniſter or Curate ſerue any more Cures then one, contrary to the 48. canon? If yea, then what other cure doth he alſo ſerue?

14 If your Miniſter be not licenced to preach as aforeſaid, whether doth he read Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne cure or elſwhere, contrary to the 49. Canon? If yea, then you are to preſent him, and ſpecify the place where he ſo hath preached?

15 Whether hath any perſon béene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but ſuch as you haue well knowen to be ſufficiently licenced? whom haue you ſo admitted? you ſhall preſent their names: and how often haue any ſuch béene admitted to preach, and by whoſe procurement? And whether haue you cauſed euery ſtrange preacher, licenced or not licenced, to ſubſcribe his name together with the day when hee preached according to the 50. and 51. Canons? and if he were licenced, then by whom was he licenced? And whether haue they, or any other, preached in your Church not being ſoberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74 Canon.

16 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher read Diuine ſeruice, and adminiſter the Sacraments in his owne perſon twice euery yere obſeruing all the ceremonies in the booke of common prayer eſtabliſhed, according to the 56. Canon?

17 Whether doth your Miniſter weare the Surples, whileſt he is ſaying the publique prayers, & adminiſtring the Sacraments? and if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he alſo weare vpon his Surples, during the times aforeſaid, ſuch a hood as by the orders of his Vniuerſitie is agreeable to his degrée, according to the 58. Canon?

18 Whether doth your Miniſter, euery Sunday, and Holiday, before euening prayer, for halfe an howre or more, examine and inſtruct the youth, and ignorant perſons of his parith, in the ten commandements, the Articles of beléefe and in the Lords prayer, as alſo in the Catechiſme laid ſet forth in the booke of common prayer, whereby the children of the parith, may be prepared for confirmation, according to the 60. Canon?

19 Whether hath your Miniſter without licence from the Archbiſhop, the Biſhop of the Dioces, or his Chancellor, ſolemnized mari-

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age betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three seuerall Sundaies or Holidayes first published, in time of Diuine seruice, in the seuerall Churches or Chappels, of seuerall abode according to the booke of common prayer and the 62. Canon? and that also betwixt the howers of eight and twelue in the forenoone contrary vnto the 102. Canon?

20 Whether hath your minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any mariage betwixt any persons, being vnder the age of 21. yeres, although the Banes be thrice asked, before such time as the parents haue made knowen vnto him their consent thereunto, contrary to the 99. and 100. Canons? and whether hath he maried any of another Dioces? and who are they? and by what authority, & when?

21 Whether doth your minister vpon Sundaies at morning prayer declare vnto the parishioners what Holidayes and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept, the weeke following, according to the 64. canon whereby they may be put in minde to prepare themselues accordingly, & to repaire to Church to publick prayer as by law they are bound?

22 Whether doth any Minister in the Rogation daies, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the parish appointed by law, and in the same perambulation, moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, Prayers, Homilies, as are to that end set forth?

23 Whether doth any man (being neither Minister, nor Deacon) read common prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize matrimony, or take vpon him to practise any other ministeriall duety in the Church, that is prescribed to be executed particularly by such, as are either Ministers, or Deacons? and what is his name that so doth?

24 Whether doth your Minister euery six moneths, denounce in his parish all such of his parish as do persever in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolued? and whether hath he admitted any person excommunicate into the Church, without a certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary or other competent Iudge vnder his seale, according to the Canons?

25 Whether doth your minister being a preacher endeuour and labour diligently with milones & temperance to conferre, with and thereby to reclaime the popish recusants in his parish from their errors, if there be any such there being? and whether is he painfull in visiting the sicke according to the booke of common prayer, and the Canons in that case prouided?

26 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate too much frequent or ouer conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion?

27 Whether hath your minister, or any other taking vpon him the place of a minister preached, baptized children (vnlesse in case of necessitie,) solemnized mariage, churched any woman, or ministred the Holy communion in any priuate house or houses? If yea, then where? whom? when? and how often hath he so offended in any of ỹ premises?

28 Whether hath your minister taken vpon him to appoint any publique or priuate fasts or prophecies not approued and established by law or publique authority? or hath he attempted vpon any pretence eyther of possession, by fasting and prayer to cast out Diuels contrary vnto the 72. Canon?

29 Whether hath your minister or any other person or persons within your parish vsed to mete in any priuate house or other place, and to holde priuate conuenticles contrary to the 73. canon? if yea, then you shall present them all and euery one of them.

30 Whether doth your minister vse such decency and comelines in his apparel, as by the 74. constitution is enioyned him, aswel at home as when he goeth abroad?

31 Whether doe you know in your parish, any that hauing heretofore taken vpon him, or them the order of Priesthood or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life a Ley-man, neglecting his vocation? If yea, then you shal present his name, and the place of his abode.

32 Whether is your minister noted or reclaimed to haue obtained his benefice by Simonie, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or doth kepe any man or woman in his house that are suspected eyther to be of euill Religion or of bad life, or himselfe to be a common drunkard, or to be a common hunter of Tauernes, Alehouses, or other suspected places, a cõmon gamster, or player at Dice or other vnlawful games, a common swearer or notorious person, or faultie in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby hee is offensiue and scandalous to his function or ministerie.

33 Whether doth your minister vse the forme of thankesgiuing to women after their childbirth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery or fornication, without licence of his Ordinary, and whether haue any maried wiues refused to come to Church, according to the booke of common prayer to giue

God thankes after childbirth? If any be faultie herein, you shall present their names.

34 Whether doth your minister baptize any children in any Vason or other vessell then in the ordinary Font being placed in the Church according to the 81. canon, or doth vse to put any Vason into it?

Articles concerning the Church.

VVHether haue you in your seuerall Churches and Chappels the booke of constitutions or canons Ecclesiasticall readie to be read by your minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his highnesse authority vnder the great seale of England.

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment register booke, prouided for christnings, mariages, & burials: and whether is the same duly and exactly kept according to the constitutions in that behalfe prouided, and a transcript thereof brought in yearely within one moneth after Easter into my Lord Bishops principal Registers Office? and whether doth your minister vpon euery Sunday read the names of all such as haue bene maried, Christened, or buried the weeke before?

3 Whether haue you prouided the booke of Common Prayer lately commaunded by his Maiesties authority onely to bee vsed, and the booke of Homilies, and two Psalters? and whether haue you in your Church or chappell a Font of stone set vp in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent Communion table standing vpon a frame with a carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloath to lay thereon at the cõmunion time? and whether is the same then placed in such conuenient sort within the chancell or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate? And whether are the ten commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or chappell, where the people may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scripture written on the walles likewise for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient seate for your Minister to reade seruice in, together with a comely Pulpet set vp in a conuenient place with a decent cloath or cushion for the same, a comely large Surples, a faire communion cuppe of siluer, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessarie for the celebration of diuine seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong

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cheſt for the almes for the poore, with three lockes and keyes, and another cheſt for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church and Regiſter booke.

5 Whether are your Church or Chappels with the chancels thereof and your perſonage or vicarage houſe and all other houſing therto belonging in good reparations, and decently and comely kept aſwell within as without, the ſeates well maintained, your Churchyards well fenced and kept without abuſe, according to the 85. Canon? if not, then through whoſe default and what defectes are? All theſe things in theſe Articles, to bee prepared, according to the Canons vnder the title appertaining to Churches.

Articles concerning Eccleſiaſticall Officers.

WHether doe you know, or haue heard of any payment, compoſition, or agreement, to, or with ~~Chancellors~~, commiſſarie, or officiall, or any their Regiſters or inferiour Officer Eccleſiaſticall, for ſuppreſſing or concealing of Excommunication or other Eccleſiaſticall cenſure of, or againſt any Recuſant? what ſumme of money, or other conſideration hath beene receiued or promiſed by or to any of them for concealing of them? by whom, and with whom?

2 Whether the ~~Chancellor~~, Archdeacon, Commiſſarie, Officiall, or any other vſing Eccleſiaſticall Iuriſdiction in this Dioces, their Regiſters, or Actuaries, Apparators or Summoners, haue at any time winked at, and ſuffered any adulterers, fornicators, inceſtes, or other faults, or offences preſented vnto them, to paſſe and remaine vnpuniſhed and vncorrected, for money, rewards, bribes, pleaſure, friendſhip, or any other partiall reſpect?

3 Whether is your ~~Chancellor~~, and euery other inferiour Eccleſiaſticall Iudge, a maſter of Artes, or Batcheler of Lawes at the leaſt, and learned and practiſed in the ciuil and Eccleſiaſticall lawes, a man of good life and converſation, and zealouſly affected in Religion, and qualified according to the 128. canon?

4 Whether doth the ~~Chancellor~~, commiſſaries, Archdeacons, or any other officials, heare any matters of Office, or correction priuately in their Chambers, without the preſence of the ſworne Regiſter, or his Deputy, or to diſcharge any mans pennance for money, without the conſent of the Lord Biſhop according to the conſtitutions, or to ſend any writing vnder their own hands to your Church, without the Regiſters preſence at the doing of it, either for mariage of any couples,

or for ending or ordering of any matter or pennance?

5 Whether the Chancellor, Officiall, or commiſſary, haue called for or cauſed the Churchwardens to make, bring, or to pay for any more billes of preſentment, then is by the 116. canon appointed?

6 Whether hath any Chancellor, Commiſſary, Archdeacon, Officiall, or any other exerciſing Eccleſiaſticall Juriſdiction within this Dioces, or any Regiſter, Apparator, or Miniſter belonging to the ſame Eccleſiaſticall courts, exacted extraordinary or greater fees, then heretofore of late haue bene accuſtomed? and whether is there a table of the rates of all fees ſet vp in their ſeuerall courts and Offices, or whether they or any of them haue taken vpon them the office of Informers, or promoters to the courts, or any other way abuſed themſelues in their offices contrary to the law and canons in that caſe prouided?

7 What number of Apparators hath euery ſeuerall Judge Eccleſiaſticall? and wherein, in what manner is the countrey ouerburthened and grieued by the ſaid Apparators? And whether doth any of the ſaid Apparators cauſe any parties to appeare in the ſaid courts without firſt a preſentment and citation obtained from the Judge of the court.

Articles concerning Schoolemaſters.

WHether the Schoolemaſter or Schoolemaſters within your pariſh openly or priuately in any Noble or Gentlemans houſe, or in any other place, be of good and ſincere religion, life, and conuerſation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing vp of youth, and whether they haue bene examined, allowed, and licenced, for Schoolemaſters by the Ordinary in that behalfe? and how many ſeuerall Schoolemaſters haue you? and what be their names?

2 Whether your Schoolemaſter or Schoolemaſters doe themſelues receiue the holy communion as often as they ought to doe, and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age ſufficient, and of capacity by inſtruction, to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the communion eyther in your Church, or where their parents dwell once euery yeare, and be diligent to heare common prayer?

3 Whether the Schoolemaſter or Schoolemaſters either priuate or publique, do teach their Schollers the Catechiſme authoriſed by publique authority, at the leaſt once euery weeke, and do inſtruct and examine them in the ſame, or doe teach any other Catechiſme, and what Catechiſme it is that they doe ſo teach?

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4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to read vnto their schollers priuately any vnlawfull bookes, or priuately to instruct them in their yong yeares eyther in Popery, superstition, or disobedience or contempt to his Maiestie, and his lawes Ecclesiasticall by publike authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster, or Schoolemasters, or any of them vnder pretence of catechising their scollers, which is a most godly order carefully by them to be obserued, do keepe Lecturers, readings, or exposition of Diuinity in their houses, hauing repaire vnto them of people not being of their owne family and household?

6 What Recusant Papistes are there in your Parish? and whether do they, or any of them keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, which commeth not to Church to heare Diuine seruice, and receiue the communion? what is his name? and how long hath he taught?

7 Whether the Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammer, set forth by the authority of King Henry the eight, teaching the prescript forme thereof, whereby their Schollers may perfectly vnderstand their grammer rules and constructions?

Articles concerning parishioners, and other of the Laity.

VVHether is there any within your parish, that hath or doth impugne the Kings Maiesties Supremacy, and authority in causes Ecclesiasticall, or doe any way or in any part impeach the same, being reckoned to the Crowne by the lawes of this realme established in that behalfe?

2 Whether is there any in your parish, that denyeth the Church of England by Law established vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie to be a true and an Apostolical Church, teaching and maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles?

3 Whether is there any in your parish, that doth impugne any of the Articles of Religion agreed vpon in Anno 1562. and established in the Church of England?

4 Whether is there any in your parish, that doe impugne or speake against the rites and ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them? you shall present their names.

5 Whether are there any in your parish, that do impugne the gouernment of the Church of England, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, and the rest

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that beare office in the same, affirming that the same is Antichristian or repugnant to the word of God?

6 Whether is there any in your parish, that doe impugne the forme of consecrating and ordayning of Archbishops, Bishops, Priestes or Deacons, affirming that the same is repugnant to the word of God, or that they, who are so ordered in that forme, are not lawfully made?

7 Whether is there any your parish, that doth hold or frequent anie conuenticles or priuate meetings, and there doe conferre or agree vpon any priuate orders, other then such as are by the Canons set forth by publique authority, to bee by them or any others in Church gouernment obserued?

8 Whether any persons haue lurked and tipled in Tauerns or Alehouses, on Sundaies or other holidaies, or vsed his or their manuall craft or trade, or keepe their shops open vpon the said daies or any of them, and especially in the time of Diuine seruice?

9 Whether are there any in your parish that doe or haue prophaned (since his Maiesties last generall pardon) the Lords day called Sunday, or other Holiday, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, prescribed in that behalfe?

10 Whether hath any person in your parish quarelled, or stricken, or vsed any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church or churchyard, or vsed himselfe disorderly in the church, by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

11 Whether is that due reuerence, and humble submission vsed within your Church or chappell in the time of diuine seruice as by the 18. constitution is prescribed? & whether each one in the church or chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of diuine seruice, as by the latter part of the same constitution is most commendably enioyned?

12 Whether the Churchwardens and Questmen from time to time doe their diligence in not suffering any idle persons or loyterers, to abide either in the Churchyard or Churchporch in seruice or sermon time, but causing them either to come into the church to heare diuine seruice, or to depart, and not to disturbe such as are hearers there?

13 Whether the Churchwardens do prouide against euery communion with the aduise of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine for the number of the communicants, that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and sweete standing pot of pewter or other pure mettle?

14 Whether

14 Whether haue any in your parish bene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne children? or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed or do vse any other forme, answere, or speach in Baptisme then is in the booke of common prayer appointed? or whether any which haue not communicated, be admitted to be Godmothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

15 Whether is there any in your parish, that doe refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no preacher? you shall present their names. And if your Minister sithence the publishing of the said booke of Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne cure) to the communion, or baptized any of their children, you shall likewise present him.

16 Whether doe all fathers, mothers maisters, and mistresses cause their children, seruants and apprentiers to come to the catechisme vpon the Sundaies and Holidayes before euening prayer to heare and to be instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names.

17 Whether haue you or your predecessors, Churchwardens there suffered since the last pardon, any playes, feasts, banquets, Churchales Drinkings or any other prophane vsages to be kept in your Church, chappels, or Churchyard, or bels to be rung superstitiously vpon holydaies or Eues abrogated by the booke of Common prayer, contrary to the 68. Canon?

18 How many Inhabitants within your parish, men or women aboue the age of sixteene yeares, do refuse to frequent diuine seruice established by publique authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy communion, or are negligent therein? what be their names? and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they? you are to present them all of both sorts.

19 Whether haue you or your predecessors brought vnto my Lord Bishop or his chancellor within fortie dayes next after Easter, the names of all such as haue not communicated that Easter before, contrary vnto the 112. Canon?

20 Whether doe any of the Inhabitants of your said Parish entertaine within their house, any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine service or receiue the holy communion as aforesaid? what be their names? of what quality or condition are they?

21 Whether

21 Whether are any of the said popish Recusants of insolent behaviour, not without publique offence, or doe boldly busie themselues in seducing and withdrawing others either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in popish Religion, or by refusing to entertain any, especially in place of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of religion? and what bee their names, that so doe?

22 How long the said popish Recusants haue obstinatly abstained either from diuine seruice, or from the communion as is aforesaid: whether of any long time, or onely since his Maiesties raigne, & how long?

23 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, do remaine excommunicated? what be their names? and for what cause? and how long haue they so stood excommunicate?

24 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Questmen chosen by the consent of the Minister and parishioners in Easter weeke according vnto the 89. and 90. canons? and whether haue the Churchwardens before you giuen vp a iust accompt for their time, and deliuered to you their Successors, whatsoeuer money or other things of right belonging to the church, which was in their hands according to the 89. Canon?

25 Whether doe all persons aboue the age of sixteene yeares vsually resort to heare diuine seruice vpon Sundaies and Holydaies appointed, and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being aboue the age of sixteene yeares as aforesaid) receiued the holy communion thrice this last yeare, chiefly once at Easter in your parish-church kneeling? if no, then you shall present their names, which haue not so done.

26 Whether haue you a fit Parish clerke aged twenty yeares at least, of honest conuersation & sufficient for reading and writing? and whether he be paied his wages without fraude, according to the most auncient custome of your parish? if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denyed? and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom? according to the 91. Canon?

27 Whether haue any in your parish beene maryed within the prohibited degrees, forbidden by the Law, and expressed in a certaine Table, published by authority in Anno 1563? if yea, then you shall present their names, and whether haue you the said Table publiquely set vp in your church and fastened to some conuenient place?

28 Whether doth any heretofore diuorced, keepe companie with any other

28 vozthy yu do any man or woman who liue togither in vnlawfull marriage not being lawfully diuorced for adultery

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other at bed and boꝛd as man and wife? what bee their names? when & where they maꝛied? and how long haue they so continued?

29 Whether haue you any in your parish, which heretofoꝛe being popish Recusants oꝛ Sectaries, haue since conformed themselues and come to Church to heare diuine Seruice, and receiue the Sacraments? If yea, then who they are? And how long sithence haue they so conformed themselues? and whether doe they still remaine and abide in that conformitie?

30 Whether haue you any in your parish to your knowledge oꝛ by common fame and repoꝛt, which haue committed adultery, foꝛnication, oꝛ incest, oꝛ any bawdes, harboꝛers oꝛ receiuers of such persons, oꝛ publikely suspected thereof, which haue not borne publikely punished to your knowledge? If yea, then with whom: and whether are there any which are by common fame and repoꝛt reputed and taken to be common dꝛunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsual swearers, filthy speakers, railers, sowers of discoꝛd amongst their neighbours, oꝛ speakers against Ministers maꝛiages, Vsurers contrary to the statute made in the 37. yeare of king Henry the eight. Lymonicall persons, fighters, bꝛawlers oꝛ quarrellers in Church oꝛ Churchyaꝛd: you shall not faile to pꝛesent their names.

31 Whether haue you in your parish receiued oꝛ harboured any woman gotten with childe out of wedlocke, & suffered them againe to depart without penence first inflicted vpon them by their Oꝛdinary? You shall truly pꝛesent aswell the party harbouring as haꝛboꝛed, & who is suspected to haue committed incontinency with her.

32 Whether any person oꝛ persons suspected oꝛ detected heretofoꝛe of incontinencie, & therefoꝛe departing out of your parish, foꝛ a season is now returned againe? oꝛ in what place else is hee oꝛ she now abiding to your knowledge, oꝛ as you haue heard: you shal not faile to pꝛesent the whole truth in that behalfe.

33 Whether are there in your parish any wills not yet pꝛoued, oꝛ goods of the dead dying Intestate, left vnadministred by the authoꝛitie of the Oꝛdinarie, in that behalfe? you shall not faile to pꝛesent the Executoꝛs and all others faulty and culpable therein.

34 Whether doe any of oꝛ within your parish affirme, oꝛ haue affirmed, that the sacred Synode of this Nation assembled by the Kings authoꝛitie, is not the true Church of England by repꝛesentation? oꝛ hath oꝛ doth any of your parish affirme, that no persons either of the

Clergie or Laitie, that were not personally present in the said late Synode, are subiect to the decrées thereof in causes Ecclesiasticall made and ratified by the Kings supreame authority, because they gaue not vp their voices vnto them? you shall present their names.

35 Whether is there any among you, that haue or doe depraue the foresaid late Synod, saying or affirming, that the same was a company of such persons as did conspire together against godly and religious professors of the Gospell, and that therefore both they and their procéedings in that behalfe are and ought to bee despised and contemned, or words to the like effect? you shall not faile to present their names.

36 Whether there bee any person or persons Ecclesiasticall & temporal within your parish or elsewhere within this Diocés, that haue retained and kept in their custodie, or that read, sell bitter, disperse, carie, or deliuer to others any English bookes or Libels, set forth either on this side or beyond the seas, by Papists or Sectaries, against the Kings supremacie in causes ecclesiasticall, or against true Religion & Catholike doctrine now publikely professed in this church, or the gouernement or Discipline of the Church of England, now within this Realme receiued and established by common authoritie, and what their names and surnames are?

37 Whether there be any in your parish who are noted, knowne, or suspected to conceale or kéepe hidden in their houses any false bookes, portesses, breuiaries, or other bookes of Popery or superstition, or any Challices, Copes, Vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition, vncancelled or vndefaced, which is to be coniectured, they doe kéepe for a day, as they call it?

38 Whether any of your parishioners hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers?

39 Whether there be any Inkéepers, Alewiues, Victuelers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons in their houses to eate, drinke, or play at dice, cardes, tables, bowles, or such like games, in the time of common praier or Sermon on Sundaies, or Holidaies: or any Butchers, or other that cómonly vse to sell meate or other things in the time of cómon prayer, preaching or reading of Homilies? and whether in any Faires or common Markets falling vpon Sundaies, there bee shewing of any wares before morning praier be done? and whether any Markets and selling of wares bee

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vsed or suffered in any Churchyards on the Sabbath day by common Pack men and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers?

40 Whether hath your Minister or any of the parish, without the consent or priuitie of the Ordinarie, caused any to doe pennance, or bee punished either openly or otherwise, for any crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall lawes onely, and what be the names of the parties that haue beene so punished, and in what manner?

41 Whether there be any in your parish, who will come to heare the sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer appointed by the booke of common prayer, making a schisme or diuision (as it were) betweene the vse of publike prayer, and preaching: and whether there be any, who being present at publike prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees, at such times as by the booke of common prayer they are appointed, to wit, when they make a generall confession of their sinnes: when all prayers and collects are read: in the time of the Letany: when the ten commandements are read: and at the receiuing of the holy Communion, &c. and what are their names that haue at any time shewed themselues vndutifull and vnreuerent in that behalfe?

42 Whether there bee any maried women or others within your parish, which after childbirth, refuse or contemne to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their deliuery, and to haue the prayers publikely appointed on that behalfe by the booke of common prayer?

43 Whether any within your parish do resort vnto barnes, fields, woods, priuate houses, or to any extraordinary exposition of Scriptures or conferences together: or that be drawers, or perswaders of others to any such Schismaticall conuenticles?

44 Whether any doe kepe their children vnbaptized longer then is conuenient, vnlesse that it be for sicknesse of the childe, or other vrgent occasion? And whether any doe carry their children from the parish they are borne in, to other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne parish? or doe bring strange Ministers into their owne houses to baptize their children priuately according to their owne fantasies?

45 Whether doe you know of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, worthy the presentment in your iudgement, aboue not expressed, which you hold fit to bee reformed? and if you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oathes.

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AT the deliuerie of your Bill of preſentment, at the time & place aboue ſet downe, you are likewiſe in the ſaide Bill to ſet downe the names of all ſuch as haue beene buried at any time ſince the ſeuenth of Auguſt 1607. being men, maides, or widowes, and likewiſe the Miniſter, Churchwardens and Sidemen of euery pariſh muſt in the end of their ſaid Bill of preſentment ſet downe beſides their preſenting which they make of all Recuſants and non Communicants this note following,

Recuſants men ——————————

Recuſants women ——————————

Non Communicants of both ſexe ——————

Communicants of both ſexe in the whole Pariſh.

So ſetting downe the number of euery one, the Miniſter, Church-wardens and Sidemen muſt put their hands to this note.